

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 12, the first full paragraph is amended as follows:

[0043] The rigid segments 50 have a configuration in which the portions forming the outer contour 10a of the drum core 10 is constructed by arranging plural comb plates in the width direction of the drum core, and the comb plates of the adjacent rigid segments 50 are mutually engaged. The rigid segments 50 have end pieces 51 arranged at the both ends in the width direction of the drum core, distance pieces 52 aligned inside of the end pieces in the width direction of the drum core, base columns 53 supporting the end pieces 51 and distance pieces 52 in such a manner that it can move back and forth in the width direction of the drum core, center stoppers 54 served as positioning reference of the end pieces 51 and distance pieces 52 in the width direction of the drum core, and end piece fixing means 55 for fixing the end pieces on the base columns 53. As shown in Figure 5, the end pieces 51 are thicker than the distance pieces 52 in the width direction of the drum core 10.